

The PRESIDENT having stated that application had been made by the Blind Asylum for the use of the hall to hold a concert,

Mr. DANIEL submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to the Blind Asylum of Baltimore on Wednesday evening next, the first of June, for the purpose of holding a concert.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE inquired whether the application was from the Managers of the State Institution, or merely from blind persons connected with it. Such applications had been made before by blind persons who had no connection with the Institution. While he should think it proper to grant the use of the Hall to the State Institution, he could not vote to grant it to unknown persons outside, however unfortunate.

The PRESIDENT stated that the application was made by Mr. Stewart.

Mr. DANIEL. I think Mr. Stewart's name is sufficient.

The order was adopted.

REPORT ON CIVIL OFFICES.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee to consider and report respecting the Appointment, Tenure of Office, Duties and Compensation of all Civil Offices not embraced in the duties of other Standing Committees, submitted the following report, which was read the first time :

The Committee to consider and report respecting the Appointment, Tenure of Office, Duties and Compensation of all Civil Offices not embraced in the duties of other Standing Committees, respectfully submit the following article and sections to be embodied in the Constitution :

Section 1. The Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer, shall constitute the Board of Public Works, who shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all public works in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor, and shall appoint the directors in every railroad or canal company in which the State has the legal power to appoint directors, which said directors shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders of every railroad or canal company in which the State is a stockholder; it shall be the duty of the said Board of Public Works to receive from time to time, the rate of tolls adopted by any company, use all legal powers which they may possess to obtain the establishment of rates of tolls, which may prevent an injurious competition with each other, to the detriment of the interests of the State, and so to adjust them as to promote the agriculture of the State; the said Board of Public Works shall keep a journal of their proceedings, they shall hold regular sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday in January, the first Monday in April, the first Monday in July and the first Monday in October, in each year, and oftener if necessary, at which ses-

sions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the public works of the State, and the Legislature may confer upon them the power to decide; they shall at each regular session of the Legislature make a report to the General Assembly and recommend such legislation as they shall deem necessary and requisite to promote or protect the interests of the State in the public works, and perform such other duties as may be hereafter prescribed by law; the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer shall receive no additional salary for the services rendered as members of the Board of Public Works.

Sec. 2. There shall be a Commissioner of the Land Office, elected by the qualified voters of the State, on the — day of — in the year —, who shall hold his office for the term of six years from the first day of January, next after his election. The returns of said election shall be made to the Governor, and in the event of a tie between any two or more candidates the Governor shall direct a new election to be held by writs to the Sheriffs of the several counties, who shall hold said election after at least twenty days' notice, exclusive of the day of election. He shall perform such duties as are now required of the Commissioner of the Land Office, and shall be keeper of the Chancery Records. He shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid out of the Treasury, and shall charge such fees as are now or may be hereafter fixed by law. The said Commissioner of the Land Office shall make a semi-annual report of all the fees of his office to the Comptroller of the Treasury, and shall pay the same semi-annually into the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The State Librarian shall be elected by joint vote of the two branches of the Legislature for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. His salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum. He shall perform such duties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. The county authorities, now known as County Commissioners, shall be styled, "County Commissioners," and shall be elected by general ticket, and not by districts, by the voters of the several counties, on the — day of — in the year —, and on the same day in every second year thereafter; said Commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties only as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe; but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State, and the Legislature shall have power to pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, fixing the salary, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties and tenure of office of said Commissioners; and the Commissioners elected under this Consti-